

REMARKS

Applicants have amended their specification on page 1, to identify all prior applications of the above-identified application that are being relied upon under 35 USC §120; to update the status of various of these prior applications; and to incorporate the contents of the first-filed prior application, of these prior applications, by reference in their entirety. Noting especially that the Declaration under 37 CFR §1.63 that is being submitted in the above-identified application is a copy of the Declaration under 37 CFR §1.63 initially filed in the first-filed prior application, it is respectfully submitted that these amendments to the specification clearly do not add new matter to the application.

The above-identified application is being filed with claims 1-24, corresponding to claims in Application No. 10/138,485. A restriction requirement was issued in Application No. 10/138,485. If the Examiner issues a restriction requirement in the above-identified application, it is noted that Applicants are not necessarily electing the same subject matter as elected in prior applications of the above-identified application; and if the Examiner considers that a restriction requirement is proper then the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a new, written restriction requirement in the above-identified application.

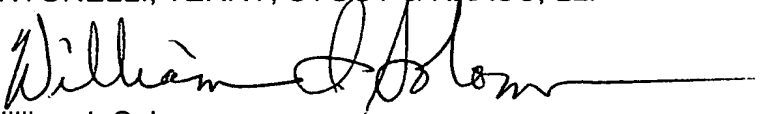
Entry of the present amendments, and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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